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Military Operations in South Carolina. "CITY POINT, Feb. 18, 1865.

"Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, U. S. War Department:

The Richmond Dispatch of this morning says Sherman entered Columbia yesterday morning, and its fall necessitates, it presumes, the fall of Charleston, which it thinks likely is already being evacuated. U. S. GRANT,

Lieutenant General.

The following is taken from the Richmond

Dispatch of the 18th inst :

"Columbia has fallen. Sherman marched into and took possession of the city yesterday morning. This intelligence was communicated · yesterday by Gen. Beauregard in an official

dispatch.

"From General Beauregard's dispatch it appears that on Thursday evening the enemy approached the south bank of the Congaree and threw a number of shells into the city. -During the night they moved up the river and yesterday morning forded the Saluda and Broad. While they were grossing these riv ers the Confederates under Gen. Beauregard evacuated Columbia. The enemy soon after took possession.

"Through private sources we learn that two days ago, when it was decided not to attempt the defence of Columbia, a large quantity of medical stores, which it was thought impossible to remove, were destroyed. The female employees of the Treasury Department had been previously sent off to Charlotte, N. C., a hundred miles north of Columbia. We presume the Treasury lithographic establishment was also removed, though as to this we have no , positive information.

"The fall of Columbia necessitates, we presume, the evacuation of Charleston, which we think likely is already in process of evacu-

ation.

"It is impossible to say where Sherman will next direct his columns. The general opinion is that he will go to Charleston and establish a base; but we confess we do not see what need he has of a base. It is to be presumed he is subsisting on the country, and he has had no battle to exhaust his am unition.

"Before leaving Savannah he. declared his intention to march to Columbia, thence to Augusta, and thence to Charleston. This was uttered as a boast and to hide his designs.

"We are disposed to believe that he will next strike at Charlotte, which is a hundred miles north of Columbia, on the Charlotte and Columbia railroad, or at Florence, South Carolina, the junction of the Columbia and Wilmington and the Charleston and Wilmington railroads, some ninety miles east of Colun.bia.

"There was a report yesterday that Augusta had also been taken by the enemy. This we do not believe. We have reason to feel assured that nearly the whole of Sherman's army is together at Columbia, and that the report that Schofield was advancing on Augusta Was untrue."

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